8. Madhya Pradesh	1
9. Maharashtra	1
10. Orissa	1
11. Rajasthan	3
12. Tamil Nadu	2
13. Tripura	1
14. Uttr Pradesh	4
15. West Bengal	2
TOTAL :	32

Compensation to Bhopal Gas Tragedy Victims

1203. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:
SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 219 given in the Rajya Sabha on th 21st July, 1986 and state:

(a) whether a suit against the Union Carbide Corporation for compensation to the victims of the Bhopal Gas disaster has been filed in any Indain Court; and

(b) what is the amount spent so far by the Central Government and Madhya Pradesh Government respectively to help the victims of the Bhopal Gas disaster of 1984?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) The plaint is expected to be finalised shortly and filed during the current month.

(b) The Central Government has so far released Rs. 55 crores as medium term loan to the State Government for relief and rehabilitation of Bhopal gas victims. Government of Madhya Pradesh has reported that they have incurred an estimated expenditure of about Rs. 36 croes upto the end of March, 1986 on the relief and rehabilitation measures. This does not fully reflect the administrative and other expenditure incured in the assistance provided by all the Central and State oGvernment agencies involved, particularly in the acute phase, following the disaster, as well as the loans being given by the financial institutions to the victims for economic rehabilitation.

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1204. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA:
SHRI J. P. GOYOL:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for which Justice Keenan of the United States Court who is hearing a number of claim cases of Bhopal Gas Victims against the Union Carbide Corporation had discharged the cases; and

(b) whether any reasonable amount of compensation has been determined on which Govrnment are prepared to have a settlement with the Union Carbide Corporation and if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) The case has been dismissed by Justice Keenan on the ground of forum non convenience.

(b) Government is prepared to settle only for an amount which will provide full and fair compensation to all the claimants.

Licences for new industries in U.P. and Orissa

1205. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued any new licences for the establishment of new industries in Uttar Pradesh and Orissa during 1986; and